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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KIM ET AL.

Examiner

Jennifer Doan

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 August 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 13-19 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 12 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's communication filed on August 22, 2005 has been carefully studied by the Examiner. The arguments advanced therein are persuasive. After carefully studying, Henderson et al. (U.S. Patent 6,240,748) was found as a good reference to apply. Therefore, a new rejection is set forth below. This action is **not** made final.

Specification

1. The amendment of the abstract is entered; however, the abstract of the disclosure is still objected to because:

Line 1 of the abstract recites "Disclosed...". The word "disclosed" should not be used since applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

In line 1 of claim 4, "4. (withdrawn)" should be changed to "4. (original)".

Appropriate correction is required.

Applicants' cooperation is requested in correcting any other errors of which applicants may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Henderson et al. (U.S. Patent 6,240,748).

With respect to claim 12, Henderson et al. disclose a method for controlling a spin imparted on an optical fiber comprising the steps of imparting circumferential spin on a high-temperature optical fiber drawn from a preform; obtaining dispersion pattern data peculiar to the spun optical fiber from scattered light naturally generated from the spin imparted on the optical fiber and controlling rate and period of the spin imparted on the optical fiber on the basis of the obtained dispersion pattern data (column 1, lines 46-48; column 2, lines 21-28; column 3, lines 49-53 and column 4, lines 58-63).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-11 and 13-19 are allowed.

The prior art fails to disclose or reasonably suggest a method for monitoring a spin imparted on an optical fiber comprising the steps of photographing a dispersion pattern peculiar to the spun optical fiber with a camera from scattered light; displaying

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the photographed dispersion pattern, wherein a form of the spin imparted on the optical fiber is monitored based on the displayed dispersion pattern. The prior art also fails to disclose or reasonably suggest a method for making an optical fiber and controlling bi-directional symmetry of alternating symmetrical spins imparted on an optical fiber, comprising the step of photographing dispersion patterns peculiar to the spun optical fiber; wherein first and second dispersion patterns are photographed respectively at a first torque point in a clockwise direction and a second torque point in a counterclockwise direction which is symmetric to the first torque point, rearranging a center of the guide roller relative to the drawing axis and the rotating axis so that the number of the photographed first dispersion patterns is coincident with the number of the photographed second dispersion patterns; and determining bi-direction symmetry of the imparted spin by comparing the photographed first and second dispersion patterns.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-19 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer Doan whose telephone number is (571) 272-2346. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 6:00 am to 3:30 pm, second Friday off.

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7. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rodney Bovernick can be reached on (571) 272-2344. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

8. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).



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Patent examiner

November 23, 2005